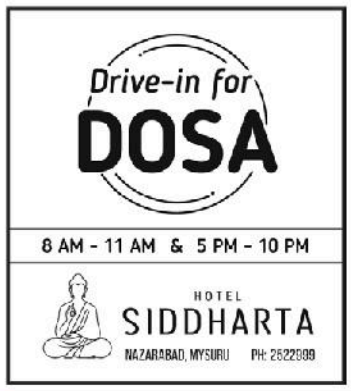

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New KSRTC Bus Stand to come up at Bannimantap

Rs. 100 crore project at 14-acre land behind KSRTC depot for long-distance routes

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&BCT)- In a move to ease congestion and improve connectivity for rural and long-distance travellers, Mysuru city is set to get a new Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Rural Bus Stand with an estimated budget of Rs. 100 crore.

The proposed Bus Stand, to be located behind the KSRTC depot at Bannimantap, is anticipated to significantly enhance passenger services and relieve pressure on the city's current Sub-Urban Bus Stand. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this project has already been prepared and submitted to the State Government for budgetary approval.

The entrance of the KSRTC depot at Bannimantap. The new Rural Bus Stand will come up behind this depot.

The existing Sub-Urban Bus Stand on the Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road manages over 3,000 inter-State and intra-State services daily, often leading to unmanageable vehicle density.

(See KSRTC on page 6)

Old DC Office to house Kannada Museum: CM

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (BCT)- The debate over the future of the Old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office, historically known as 'Attara Kacheri' during the British era, has ended with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's announcement to transform the building into a Kannada Museum.

Previously, proposals included converting it into a 'War Museum and Defence Library and Research Centre' or a museum of tourist interest featuring rare artefacts such as old coins, manuscripts and records of the Wadiyar Dynasty.

Marking Karnataka Rajyotsava Day, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced on Friday (Nov. 1) in Bengaluru that the State Government will establish a Kannada Museum at the historic Mysuru Old DC Office. The disused building will soon serve as a museum celebrating Kannada's cultural heritage, he said.

In 2023, a proposal was put forward to establish a 'War Museum and Defence Library and Research Centre' at the Old DC Office, with the idea that a War Museum would be a distinguished addition to Mysuru's heritage as it would enhance the city's cultural and archaeological value by being housed in a historic building.

Additionally, a War Memorial is under construction at NCC Parade Grounds, adjacent to Old DC Office and directly in front of NCC Group Headquarters.

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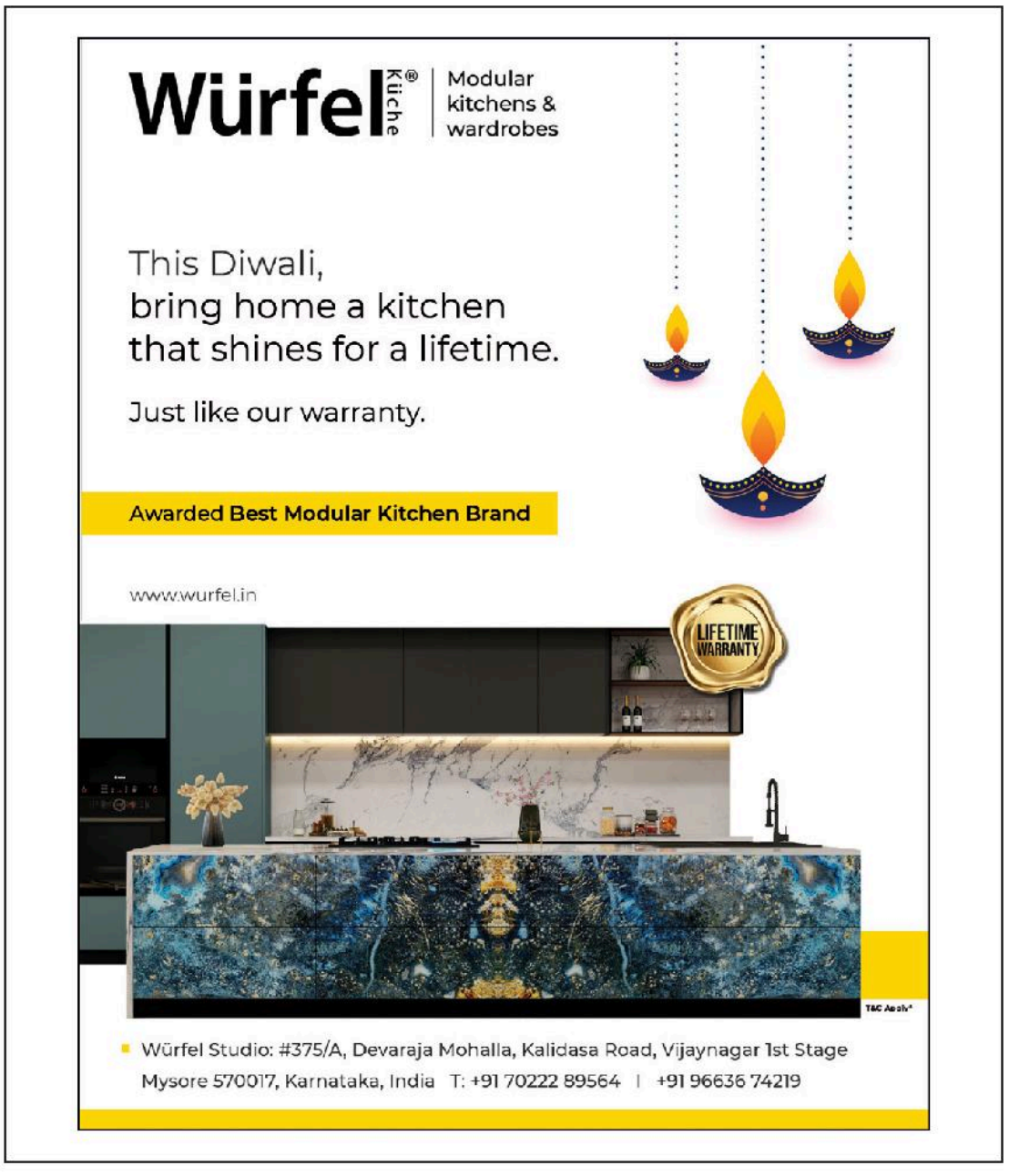
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 3rd November 2024

CII Mysuru Annual HR Conclave

Mysuru, Nov. 3- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru Zone CSR, HR & IR and Women Panel has organised the CII Mysuru Annual HR Conclave-2024 on Nov. 15 in Mysuru with the theme 'Decoding the New HR Mandate Experience and Engagement.'

"The event is designed to help HR professionals align their strategies with business goals utilise technology effectively and build robust people-focused processes setting the foundation for organisational success," said Eswara Rao, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone.

The Conclave will feature discussions by industry experts on critical HR topics including HR compliance for the future, disability inclusion and creating an inclusive workplace, paperless onboarding, strategies for enhancing employee well-being & mental health and HR strategies for empowering MSMEs.

"This Conclave provides a unique opportunity to connect with CHROs, HR professionals and thought leaders fostering networking and knowledge-sharing that will drive the future of industries in Mysuru," said Savitha Mallappa, Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR, HR & IR and Women Panel.

The proposed four sessions for the Conclave will provide an in-depth look into the essential areas shaping the future of HR and employee experience. Each session is carefully designed to address key aspects of HR that organisations must adopt to thrive in a competitive and rapidly evolving business landscape.

For details, contact M.K. Kiran on Mob: 98447-85965.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE EASY WAY TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH: ***It is believed that human life is precious and the most useful form of birth in the cycle of karmic journey. It is one where the soul gets the opportunity to get cleansed of its load of sinful reactions or bad karma, accumulated over the various lives it has led, housed in different material bodies. As such, human life is one endowed with immense responsibility, unlike those of animals where life revolves around eating and mating.***

How to go about purification of one's soul? In the earlier *yugas* ***(eras), austerities, penance, sacrificial rituals were stipulated, but these entailed undertaking of severe vows, penance and hardships. These may not be possible for the humans of the present Kaliyuga, as the physique, mind-set, and life span do not match those of the humans of the earlier eras. As such the*** *sadhana* ***prescribed is the chanting of the holy name of the Almighty, known as the*** *naama-sankeerthana.*

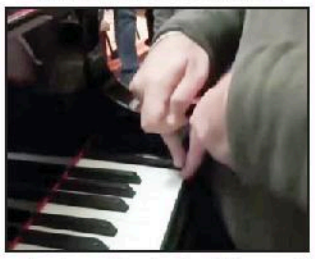
As per Lord Krishna's deciding words in the Gita (v18.66), *Sarva dharman parityajya mam ekam sharanam vraja, aham tvam sarva papepyo mokshaishyaami…,* ***absolute surrender to the Lord can exonerate each one from the bad effects of past sins. How do you show your surrender? Observing Vedic rituals, the study of the vedas and upanishads are not possible for everyone.***

As the timeless vedas have sprouted from the Almighty Himself, remembering Vishnu alone or any of His avatar forms with devotion is an easy way of serving the purpose of Vedanta philosophy. Chanting or *naama-sankeerthana* ***with devotion can be done by all — irrespective of gender or creed — at any time, becoming an excellent engagement of some of our free time.***

Naming one's offspring with names of the Almighty is a good way to keep uttering the holy name frequently and naturally. Its significance is seen from the Srimad Bhagavatam in the life of a virtuous individual, nobleman-turned-sinner by name Ajamila who averted the fangs of Yama and hell when he called out to his son, Narayana, on his deathbed. Coincidentally he happened to remember the Lord Narayana too, who reacted with His boundless mercy as if Ajamila had called out to Him. Ajamila was given a second chance wherein he spent his life in atonement and obtained salvation thereafter. *—Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pianist hits piano key 500 times in 30 seconds



Bucharest: A fast-fingered concert pianist from Romania unofficially broke a Guinness World Record by hitting a piano key 500 times in 30 seconds.

Thurzó Zoltán, a renowned concert pianist, took on the record in Biharia village on Oct. 23 as a tribute to his mother, Thurzó Margit Terézia, who died on the same date in 2023 at the age of 77.

The current record of 495 piano key hits in 30 seconds was set by Japanese musician Keita Hattori in December 2023.

Zoltán previously set the Guinness World Records for the highest altitude grand piano performance at 19,024 ft. and the longest marathon playing keyboard/piano by an individual, 130 hours.

Evidence from his latest attempt is being submitted to Guinness World Records for official verification.

Smallest island has a single home and a tree

New York: Many islands around the world are quite small, with the capacity to hold very little and Just Room Enough Island is just 3,300 sq. ft. in size, according to a traveller.

It is widely known as the world's smallest inhabited island with just enough room for the small cottage and tree that stand upon it.

Hub Island, as it was previously known, is located between the United States and Canada in Alexandria Bay, New York. This island is one of 1,864 that make up the Thousand Islands.

The island was bought by the Sizeland family in the 1950s and the family was responsible for building the cottage, planting the single tree and giving the island its name that remains today: Just Room Enough Island.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Staying hydrated is essential for bodily functions, including digestion, circulation, and temperature regulation.

By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Internal medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Prize-winners of Inter-School Karate Championship

Karatekas, training IMSKA Karate at Prajwal Karate Dojo (PKD), Mysuru, under Coach Prajwal and Hanshi Sivdas, excelled at the Inter-School Karate Championship organised by The Orchids Public School in Mysuru recently. Seen are *(from left)* ***Hayagreev - Silver Medal in Kata, Dhruv - Silver in Kata, Sridurga - Bronze in Kata, Coach Prajwal, Junior Coach Ava, Rithanya - Silver in Kata, Ishaanvi - Gold in Kata & Bronze in Kumite, Kedarnath - Gold in Kata and Arshbeer*** *(not in pic.)* ***- Bronze in Kumite.***

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	Harangi DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,282.98 feet**	Today's level **2,854.83 feet**
Last year's level **99.40 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.06 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.41 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.1 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,855.65 feet**
Today's Inflow **6,164 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **184 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **79 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,953 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The world's tallest living tree is the Coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens), which grows along the Pacific Coast of the United States, mainly in California. Interestingly enough, it's not the world's oldest growing tree; that award goes to a Bristlecone pine.***
- ***Tomato juice is the official state beverage of Ohio, honouring the part A.W. Livingston of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, played in popularising tomatoes in the late 1800s.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: ***Kumar, tell me the formula for water.***

Kumar: ***H and double O.***

Teacher: ***Stop it what are you saying?***

Kumar: ***Yes teacher, yesterday you told H two O.***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.13
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 108.71
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.10

VOICE OF THE READER

Garbage dump in Vijayanagar 4th Stage

Sir,

The area near Sarkari Balakara Mandira in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, has become a dumping ground for passersby, who discard garbage on the roadside, particularly under the cover of darkness due to the lack of proper street lighting. This negligence is causing significant inconvenience to nearby residents. Stray dogs scatter the garbage throughout the locality, adding to the problem.

Through *Star of Mysore - Voice of the Reader,* I urge the authorities to install adequate street lighting, enforce strict measures against roadside dumping and ensure the immediate removal of the existing waste.

—B.L. Kavya
Vijayanagar
26.10.2024

Obituary

Syed Jaffer Peer

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Syed Jaffer Peer (88), retired Professor of Geography and a resident of Subhash Nagar, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed today (Nov. 3) at Umer Shah Masjid, Bada Makan, Mysuru, after Asar Salath (5 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

S. Hemalatha

S. Hemalatha (40), a staff at University of Mysore and a resident of University Quarters near Ramaswamy Circle, passed away following heart attack at a private hospital in city on Thursday.

She leaves behind her husband Lakshman, daughter Meghana, son Manoj Yadav and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday.

Nagaraju

Nagaraju (58), a resident of Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) 1st Cross here, passed away on Thursday.

Nagaraju leaves behind his son Darshan, daughter Spoorthi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds on Friday.

Annaiah

K.R. Nagar: Annaiah (89), a resident of Narayanapura village in K.R. Nagar taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru, yesterday. He leaves behind his wife Premamma, sons N.A. Ashok, N.A. Harish and N.A. Prathap (BJP leader), daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Narayanapura today.

Rangashetty

T. Narasipur: Rangashetty (88), son of late Thimme Shetty and a resident of Kethupura, Sosale hobli, T. Narasipur, passed away on Oct. 31. He leaves behind his wife Mahadevamma, sons Chinnaswamy & Rangaswamy, daughter Rukmini and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kethupura on Nov. 1.

H.D. Kumaraswamy on temple run

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (BLU&DM)- With the countdown for the high stakes Channapatna by-poll on Nov. 13 having begun, in which his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy is contesting as NDA candidate, Union Minister for Steel & Heavy Industries and State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) went on a temple run in city yesterday, praying for the victory of Nikhil.

Upon his arrival in city on Saturday morning, Kumaraswamy first visited Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and sought the blessings of the deity. The Temple Chief Priest Dr. Shashishekar Dixit and other priests were present.

Speaking to press persons after coming out of the temple, Kumaraswamy, referring to the Congress criticism of Nikhil shedding tears during poll campaign, said that he (HDK) too had shed tears in public after hearing the problems of the people.

Maintaining that tears will roll down his eyes upon learning about the difficulties of the people, HDK asserted that those politicians who do not have any heart for the people, cannot shed tears. He lashed out at the Congress leaders saying these leaders do not have any sympathy for the sufferings of the people.

He later visited Jwalamukhi Tripurasundari Temple at Uttanahalli and offered special prayers to the deity.

Thereafter, he drove to Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill and sought the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. He was closeted with the Seer for about 20 minutes and had breakfast at the Mutt.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy seeking the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt in city yesterday. Suttur Mutt Junior Pontiff Jayarajendra Swamiji *(standing extreme left)* ***and former Minister S.R. Mahesh are also seen.***

Later speaking to press persons, Kumaraswamy, who commented on Congress Guarantee Schemes, said that he had noticed the recent statements of Congress leaders who had hinted on stopping Guarantee Schemes. Stating that Congress leaders have been issuing confusing statements on discontinuance of Schemes, HDK said that AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge was forced to intervene and assert that the Guarantee Schemes would not stop.

Arguing that development can be done along with Guarantees, the Union Minister said, however, the Congress does not want it and as such they were creating confusions by issuing contradictory statements now and then.

Replying to a question on Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda's (GTD) absence from the Channapatna by-polls campaign, Kumaraswamy maintained that GTD was busy in his Constituency and as such, he has been unable to campaign in Channapatna. However, GTD would also make his own efforts for ensuring Nikhil's win in Channapatna, he added.

Asserting that there is a favourable atmosphere for NDA candidate in Channapatna, Kumaraswamy said that NDA campaign was on the right trail. Contending that Nikhil's candidature became inevitable in Channapatna due to the political developments there, HDK expressed confidence that the NDA candidate was going to win with the blessings of the Almighty.

Changing lifestyle and food habits are responsible for ailments: ZP CEO

Gayathri

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&DM)- Noting that changing lifestyles and food habits are responsible for increase in illness & ailments, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri stressed on the need for the people to undergo regular health check-ups for maintaining good health.

She was speaking after inaugurating Health Camp for PDOs, ZP and GP officials, organised by the District Health & Family Welfare Department as part of 'World Mental Health Day' at the ZP Hall here recently. Maintaining that a good physical & mental health is vital for maintaining a stable, health and happy life, Gayathri called upon the people not to fall prey to vices and lose their health.

Asking the people to practise good habits, she cautioned the people against bad habits in order to overcome work pressure.

Highlighting that mental health problems are mostly due to excessive work pressure, depression, lifestyle and changing food habits, Gayathri said that this will result in faster spread of ailments.

Stressing on the need for getting proper treatment at an early stage of the disease itself, she said, "Some people hesitate to visit doctors, hiding their illness. This will only result in the escalation of the disease, that often end up in tragic loss of lives. As such, it is important that any disease is treated timely at the early stage itself."

District Mental Diseases and Leprosy Eradication Officer Dr. Brinda said that those suffering from mental disorders, should not be ignored and instead treated with humanity. Noting that mental illness can be cured by timely and proper treatment, she said that in public interest, the Health & Family Welfare Department has introduced toll free No. 14416.

She further said that treatment is given for mental disorders at 'Mano Chaitanya' Clinics in all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) every Tuesday and called upon the people to make best use of this facility. Also, there will be counselling in General Hospitals, she added.

District Health & Family Welfare Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Health & Family Welfare Programme Officer Prabhuswamy, ZP Deputy Secretary Krishnam Raju, Siraj, Gopinath, Siddalingaswamy and others were present.

Maharani's girls stage stir against hike in fees for SC/ST students

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (GA&DM)- Strongly condemning the authorities for forcing the SC/ST community students to pay admission and exam fee, which was free earlier, students of Maharani's Degree College for Women staged a demonstration under the banner of All India Democratic Organisation (AIDSO) in front of Crawford Hall here recently.

"The SC/ST students were not required to pay any admission or exam fee until last year. But now the University and Government authorities are asking the students to pay the fees, which has become a huge burden for poor students coming to the college from neighbouring villages. Also, most of the students are not getting student scholarship, which has only compounded their problem", they argued.

Claiming that the authorities are now suddenly asking them to pay the fees without any prior intimation or giving time, the protesters demanded that the SC/ST students be exempted from paying fees as in the past.

The students called off their demonstration after the University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) N. Nagaraj who arrived at the spot, assured the students that their demands would be brought to the notice of the higher authorities and action will be taken within a week.

AIDSO Office-bearers Chandrakala, Nitin, Swathi, Hema, Chandrika, Anjali, Abhishek and others were present during the protest.

Dowry Death Case

Deceased's husband, three others get jail term

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (KS)- City's Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced three persons including the husband of the deceased woman to three years rigorous imprisonment after they were found guilty of dowry harassment leading to the death of the woman. While the deceased woman is Sunitha, those sentenced to jail are Sunitha's husband H.R. Manju, a resident of Hittanahalli village in Periyapatna taluk and her in-laws Rajappa and Shivamma.

Sunitha, daughter of Erappaji of Naralapura village was given in marriage to Manju on March 16, 2020. At the time of marriage, Manju was given Rs. 3.50 lakh cash and 167 grams gold jewellery and silver articles as dowry.

After about six months of marriage, Manju and his parents began to harass Sunitha to bring Rs. 6 lakh from her parents for house renovation, following which village elders held a meeting and Sunitha's parents had agreed to fulfil the demand next year.

But as Manju and his parents continued to harass Sunitha, she doused herself with kerosene and set ablaze on Feb. 14, 2021. Though Sunitha was rushed to the hospital with severe burns, she died in the afternoon on the same day. The Police, who had registered a case, conducted investigation and had submitted a charge sheet to the Court.

Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar, heard the arguments from both sides, found Manju and his parents guilty of the crime and sentenced them to three years rigorous imprisonment, besides imposing a fine of Rs. 5,000 each. Public Prosecutor B.E. Yogeshwar argued on behalf of the Government.

CITU protests US sanctions on Socialist Cuba

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (GA&TRR)- Activists of Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) staged a protest in the city recently condemning the inhuman US sanctions against Cuba. Members of CITU assembled near old Deputy Commissioner's office and shouted slogans against United States of America(USA).

"Capitalist America has imposed inhuman sanction against socialist Cuba. Talks are on in this connection at United Nations (UN). Even though UN Council had asked US to lift economic, commercial and financial sanctions it imposed on Cuba 31 years ago, US hasn't done that and is still continuing with its sanctions which is deplorable,' said the protesters.

Stating that Cuba is now facing severe crisis in Power, Agriculture, Finance, Banking and Health sectors, the protesters alleged that sanctions have badly affected economic status of the country and people of Cuba are in dire straits. " Prime Minister Narendra Modi must lodge a strong protest against US sanctions against Cuba. The working class of Mysuru district and India always stand by Cuba," concluded the protesters.

General Secretary of CITU N.K. Balajirao, G. Jayaram, Mahadeva, Raghavendra and Subramanya participated in the protest.

Four go missing in city

Swaroop *Syed Ifraz* *Amreen* *Syed Umar*

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (KS)- In separate cases, four persons including a woman have gone missing from Udayagiri Police limits in city.

In the first case, 27-year-old Syed Ifraz, son of late Syed Iliyas, who left his house on Sept. 28 has since gone missing.

In the second case, 38-year-old Swaroop, son of late Narayanaswamy has gone missing since Sept. 22. In the third case, Amreen alias Farhana, wife of Kaleemulla Khan is missing since Sept. 25 and in the fourth case, 22-year-old Syed Mohammed Umar, son of Syed Iqbal, has been missing since Oct. 22. Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

SFI demands postponement of exams

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&DM)- Demanding postponement of Degree exams, students under the banner of Students Federation of India (SFI) staged a demonstration in front of Crawford Hall here recently.

Noting that the University of Mysore degree exams are scheduled to commence from Nov.15, the students said that though the colleges commenced in July, a few classes are held due to shortage of Guest lecturers, resulting in unfinished portions.

In such a situation, it is unscientific to conduct the exams from Nov.15 when the curriculum is largely incomplete, they argued and demanded that the exams be postponed in the better interests of the students.

Stating that most of the students of Government colleges are from a poor background, the protesters strongly opposed the collection of Rs.2,000 as exam fees from the students. Alleging that the University has been collecting marks card fees though it has failed to provide marks cards of semester exams, the protesters wanted the University to stop collecting additional fees.

SFI Office-bearers T.S. Vijaykumar, T. Prajwal, S.K. Chiragmurthy, Santosh Jadhav and others were present.

Additional SP accused of providing 'misleading info'

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (BLU&BCT)- RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna has said that a complaint will be filed at the Nazarbad Police Station against the Mysuru Additional Superintendent of Police Nagesh who allegedly created false documents and provided misleading information.

Meenakshi, a resident of J.P. Nagar, was reportedly living in High School Teacher's Colony in J.P. Nagar and had previously told the Police that one Yashwant Kumar had illegally trespassed into her home, demanding Rs. 8 lakh. Snehamayi Krishna stated that Meenakshi was preparing to file a complaint about this incident back in May this year.

"However, when Shekar, the Inspector of Mysuru Rural Police Station, refused to accept the complaint, I submitted the complaint to the District Rural Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) L. Nagesh. I also requested that the call details of the phone conversations between Inspector Shekar and Yashwant Kumar be included in the charge sheet," he said.

Snehamayi Krishna has alleged that the charge sheet submitted to the Court does not include the call details between Inspector Shekar and Yashwant Kumar. He claimed that the Additional SP had written him a note on the file or acknowledgement dated Sept. 13, 2024.

"Despite frequent visits to his office, ASP delayed the response and a reply has been given now which is 46 days old. This is a deliberate attempt to protect Inspector Shekar," alleged Snehamayi Krishna. He has warned of filing a complaint against ASP at Nazarbad Police Station.

WEED WARFARE: NGO clears invasive threats in Bandipur

Junglescapes Charitable Trust targets 500 acres of forests in Gopalaswamy Betta, Kundakere zones

C.R. Hanumanth, Member of Project Governance Committee, Junglescapes Charitable Trust and others overseeing the weed removal operation.

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&BCT)- Invasive species such as Senna spectabilis and Lantana are wreaking havoc on the forest ecosystem and diminishing grazing opportunities for herbivores. In response, the Junglescapes Charitable Trust of Bengaluru is diligently uprooting these threats as part of a crucial forest restoration initiative.

The Bandipur Tiger Reserve, celebrated as the State's inaugural Tiger Sanctuary under the Project Tiger, is grappling with a relentless surge of non-nutritive weeds like Senna spectabilis and Lantana across its 13 zones, presenting a formidable challenge for the Forest Department.

Over the past two to three decades, Lantana has become a curse to the forests, gradually swallowing up the native wildlife habitat. This invasion is causing scarcity of food for herbivorous wildlife that should be freely roaming the forests, sending a warning that this could develop into a monstrous problem in the future.

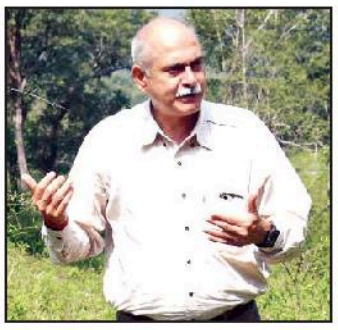
NGO joins hands

Despite various programmes developed by the Forest Department to clear invasive plants that are taking over the forest, the expected level of weed removal has not been achieved. Nevertheless, the Department continues its annual removal of invasive species like Lantana and Senna spectabilis in designated areas.

In this effort, the Junglescapes Charitable Trust from Bengaluru has taken on a social responsibility initiative to clear invasive plants from 500 acres of forest land in the Gopalaswamy Betta (G.S. Betta) and Kundakere zones of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

With permission from the Forest Department and an agreement with the Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the Trust has implemented a five-year project from 2019-20, now achieving notable success as anticipated.

Forest restoration with cooperation



"This initiative aims to preserve forests for future generations and promote the growth of local plant species in the area. We are receiving support from various organisations for the weed removal operation and are committed to forest restoration. By removing these invasive plants along with their roots, we hope to alleviate the food shortage faced by herbivorous wildlife.

Additionally, this will help prevent any disruption in the food chain for these animals. We are grateful to the Forest Department and supporting organisations for their assistance in our service activities."

— C.R. Hanumanth, Member of Project Governance Committee, Junglescapes Charitable Trust

Local workforce utilisation

Junglescapes Charitable Trust employs local workers to uproot Senna spectabilis, Lantana and other invasive plants, ensuring that the weeds are completely removed along with their roots.

From the villages bordering Bandipur Forest, such as Lokkere, Guddekere, Kaniyanapura, Naguvanahalli, Anehejje Hundi and Burudarahundi, 75 workers have been organised into various teams for the task of removing invasive plants growing in the forest. Each worker is paid Rs. 450 per day for the task.

The workers involved in the weed removal operation are recruited through self-help groups. To support local employment, Junglescapes Charitable Trust helps register these groups as self-help associations, providing employment opportunities to locals.

Safety measures, insurance

During the weed removal operation in the Bandipur Forest, which is home to wildlife, measures have been taken to ensure the safety and security of the workers. The Trust has provided each of the 75 workers with insurance coverage of Rs. 10 lakh.

This insurance has been arranged to protect against potential harm caused by wild animal encounters. Additionally, a Forest Department staff member is assigned to accompany the weed removal team for security. Workers are instructed to work in groups and follow all recommended safety precautions ▪

Cracker of business this Deepavali for vendors

Heavy rush at a wholesale cracker stall at Hebbal industrial area during Deepavali as people thronged in large numbers to purchase crackers.

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&VNS)- This year's Deepavali was cheerful for the vendors and wholesalers as they recorded a massive business compared to previous two years. Deepavali being one of the important festivals to Hindu community, people were seen thronging shops at various locations across the city to purchase crackers.

The sale of crackers was such that, most of the shops had to purchase additional stocks from the wholesalers to meet the demand of the customers. Meanwhile, Hebbal Industrial Area was abuzz with activities with people all over the city and surrounding towns arriving in large numbers to buy crackers.

People were seen arriving in large numbers at cracker shops on JLB Road in Chamundipuram, J.K. Ground, Bhootale Ground, Bogadi, Kuvempunagar and other locations. The sale of crackers in the shops that began on Oct. 28 ended on Nov. 3.

This year, the authorities had instructed to sell only green crackers and so did the vendors. The cracker boxes had barcodes and symbol to confirm them being green crackers. This year, cracker varieties were more compared to previous years. With a lot of rules being in place for the bursting of crackers, one had thought the sales would not be of expected level. However, with people thronging the shops and godowns in large numbers the sales were more beyond expectations.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Bhaskar of Santosh Crackers, said that the business this year was double than the expectations and added that the sales was not only good for the stockists, who are open throughout the year, but for all vendors including those who had opened stalls in various localities.

Four injuries reported

Compared to previous years, the number of burn injuries during Deepavali has come down with only four cases between age group of 8-13 years reported from the district. While two cases were reported in Mysuru city, one each case was reported in H.D. Kote and Pandavapura in Mandya district. Among four cases, three were treated as outpatients and one patient is being treated at K.R. Hospital.

13-year-old Chandan, a resident of Mysuru, who sustained burn injuries in his eye as a cracker burst, was rushed to K.R. Hospital. Speaking to Star of Mysore, Ophthalmologist Dr. Shobha, said that the patient underwent successful surgery and was being kept under observation.

New KSRTC Bus Stand to come up at Bannimantap

Location of the proposed site for new KSRTC Bus Stand at Bannimantap.

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Two-phase project

KSRTC Rural Divisional Controller Srinivas told *Star of Mysore* that the new Rural Bus Stand will be built on 14 acres of the 61-acre KSRTC property in Bannimantap behind the depot to meet rising demand. The project is designed in two phases to ensure efficient resource allocation and timely service delivery. The new bus stand will feature a dedicated entry, preventing any conflict with buses arriving at the depot, he added.

"Phase 1 has a budget of Rs. 65 crore to construct a ground floor, basement and ample parking facilities for buses and passengers, maximising space for both local and long-distance travellers. In Phase 2, an additional Rs. 35 crore will establish a commercial terminal, further expanding service capacity," he explained.

"We are planning to construct a facility to park 100 buses at a time and keep space for the passage of 30 buses and even electric charging stations. Designated parking spaces will also be provided for four-wheelers and two-wheelers," he said.

Project DPR, funding

Recently, the KSRTC Managing Director V. Anbukumar and other officials from the headquarters in Bengaluru inspected the proposed site, and with the DPR submitted, further approvals are in progress.

"A proposal has also been submitted to the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), which has previously funded bus stations in Tumakuru and Davangere, boosting the likelihood of successful funding for Mysuru's new facility," Srinivas added.

Long-distance buses

Even after the new Rural Bus Stand is operational, the existing Sub-Urban Bus Stand will remain active, catering to Mysuru and nearby districts.

"The new facility will primarily focus on long-distance routes like Tumakuru, Hubballi and North Karnataka regions, expected to reduce traffic congestion by around 50 percent. With the addition of the new Rural Bus Stand, city buses can conveniently access it for smooth passenger pick-up and drop-off, enhancing commuter convenience and cutting down transit times," he said.

Urban Growth

As Mysuru city continues to expand, infrastructure upgrades are essential to support its urban growth.

Constructing the new Rural Bus Stand on the underutilised KSRTC depot land at Bannimantap aligns well with the city's development goals and addresses evolving passenger needs, it is said.

Old DC Office to house Kannada Museum: CM

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The proposal highlighted this proximity as ideal, emphasising that a War Museum nearby would honour the sacrifices of the Defence Forces in a fitting location.

This year, however, the Tourism Department prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) proposing a Rs. 45 crore restoration and conservation of the heritage building. The plan included showcasing rare artefacts such as old coins, manuscripts, information on the Wadiyar Dynasty, models of the Kings of the Mysuru Kingdom, as well as sections for khadi, handlooms and handicrafts.

While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is yet to elaborate on his plans to transform the Old DC Office into a Kannada Museum, his announcement on 'Karnataka Suvarna Sambhrama' carries significant weight. It will be interesting to see how this heritage building is given a new identity and prominence.

This grand structure, dating back to 1895, is a 128-year-old heritage site located on Krishnaraja Boulevard. Built during the reign of Chamaraja Wadiyar X, it originally served as a venue for meetings of the Mysore Representative Assembly.

The building is dedicated to Sir James Davidson Gordon, who was Chief Commissioner of Mysore State from 1878 to 1881, the year when the kingdom was restored. A statue of Gordon stands prominently in front of the Old DC Office, facing Maharani's College Road.

City's Apollo BGS Hospitals observes World Stroke Day

Participants of World Stroke Day performing yogasana in front of Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple this morning.

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, hosted World Stroke Day with a yoga session held in front of Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple located at Mysore Palace North Gate, here this morning. The event was aimed at raising awareness about stroke prevention, recognition and response. Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide, one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of stroke is by staying physically active.

Former Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain and Arjuna Awardee V.R. Raghunath graced the occasion, underscoring the importance of active lifestyle in preventing strokes. His presence motivated the participants to engage in physical activities, reinforcing the event's message of health and wellbeing.

Consultants from Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru shared insights on identifying stroke symptoms and stressed the critical need for immediate action. Their guidance on recognising early warning signs aimed to empower individuals to act quickly, enhancing the chances of saving lives and supporting better recovery outcomes.

Stroke survivors who attended the event shared how reaching a stroke-ready hospital made it possible to save their lives. They also expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the hospital and the Neurology team for saving their lives.

Apollo BGS Hospitals Mysuru Vice-President and Unit Head N.G. Bharteesha Reddy, Dr. Somanath Vasudev, Dr. Aumir Moin, Dr. Shankar, Dr. K. S. Bopaiah, Dr. B.L. Lokesh, Dr. S. Vinay Hegde, Dr. Jyotsna, Dr. Aman Nayak (Medical Superintendent) and staff members of Neuro Department were present.

Participants enthusiastically engaged in the yoga session, gaining firsthand insight into how regular physical activity can aid in stroke prevention and overall well being.

Senior citizen falls prey to 'obscene ads' fraud call

Loses Rs. 1.6 crore to conmen posing as Mumbai Police officials

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (SBD&BCT)- Cyber criminals have devised a new strategy of swindling money from senior citizens by claiming that their phone number has been used to disseminate obscene advertisements and harassing messages.

Mysuru's Cybercrime, Economic Offences and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station have registered a case after an 82-year-old resident from Kuvempunagar was scammed out of Rs. 1,06,50,000 by fraudsters posing as Mumbai Police officials.

The incident occurred on Oct. 8 when the retired senior citizen received a call from an individual who claimed to be an officer with the 'Notification Unit, Telecommunication Registering Authority of India.' The caller alleged that the senior citizen's phone number was involved in cases related to obscene advertisements and harassment messages.

The elderly man was then instructed to contact the Mumbai Police Station for further clarification. Subsequently, he received another call from a different number, this time from someone else posing as a Mumbai Police official.

This second caller alleged that the elderly man was under investigation in a money laundering case, even sending supposed 'official' documents over WhatsApp to bolster the claim.

In an additional twist, the caller insisted that the senior citizen transfer funds from his bank account to a specified account for 'verification'. He promised the money would be refunded once the verification process was complete. Trusting the instructions, the elderly man sent Rs. 1,06,50,000 in several instalments, only to realise later that he had fallen victim to a scam.

Doctor duped of Rs. 12 lakh

In another incident, a Mysuru-based doctor was swindled out of Rs. 12.11 lakh in a job scam that promised employment in Qatar. The doctor, an endodontics specialist who runs a dental clinic in Mysuru city, aspired to work abroad. Upon responding to a job advertisement, the doctor was contacted by someone claiming to represent a Mumbai-based recruitment company, offering a job in Qatar and assistance with obtaining the required licence.

Persuaded by the job offer, the doctor transferred Rs. 12.11 lakh to the account provided. After no job materialised, the doctor realised being duped and filed a complaint at the Nazarbad Police Station.

In response, Police have issued a public advisory urging citizens to remain vigilant against such scams. Authorities advise residents never to share personal or financial information over the phone with unknown callers and to contact their local police station immediately if they receive suspicious calls.

Genuine law enforcement or Government officials will never ask for funds to be transferred for verification purposes. Complaints can be made to the nearest Police Station, CEN Police Station or dial 112 or Helpline 1930 for guidance, as timely intervention can prevent significant financial losses.

Echo of Waqf Board notices to farmers

BJP to protest against Congress Government tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (GA&BS)- As part of a State-wide protest organised by the BJP against notices issued to farmers by the Karnataka State Waqf Board, district and city BJP units will lay siege to the Deputy Commissioner's office and the Tahsildar's office in city tomorrow (Nov. 4).

This was announced to the media by Dr. Anil Thomas, President of the BJP State Minorities Wing and L. Nagendra, City BJP President and former MLA, during a press conference held at the City BJP office this morning.

Dr. Anil Thomas stated that protests will be held at all taluk centres across the State, led by MLAs and former MLAs. The demonstrations will continue until justice is served, with many participants, including farmers who have received notices claiming their land belongs to the Waqf Board.

He criticised the State Government, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, for failing to support the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) formed by the Central Government to review the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024. Anil Thomas alleged that instead of protecting farmers' rights, the Government is attempting to seize their land as part of minority appeasement.

The issue began when the Waqf Board issued notices to farmers in Vijayapura district and subsequently spread to Channapatna, Dharwad, Bidar, Nagamangala in Mandya district, and Koppal district.

Anil Thomas noted that although similar notices were issued during the BJP's tenure, they did not come to the attention of the State Government or the relevant Minister. However, under the current Congress Government, Waqf Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has pressured officials to issue notices claiming agricultural lands as Waqf properties.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, former Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) N.V. Phaneesh, City BJP General Secretaries Giridhar and B.M. Raghu, leader Somasundar and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs were present.

Obituary

M.S. Umesh

Mysuru, Nov. 3- M.S. Umesh (61), retd. Canara Bank Official and a resident of Kuvempunagar here, passed away at Vietnam on Oct. 29 following brief illness.

He was the President of Bankers Recreation Club, Mysuru and Secretary of SBM and Other Banks Welfare Society, Mysuru.

He leaves behind his mother Vijayalakshmi, wife V. Usharani, son Vikas, daughter-in-law Hyojeong and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill in Mysuru yesterday.

Kannada Film Director Guruprasad found dead

Guruprasad

Bengaluru, Nov. 3 (VNS)- The decomposed body of Kannada film director Guruprasad, of *'Mata'* and *'Eddelu Manjunatha'* fame, was found hanging to the ceiling fan at his apartment in Madanayakanahalli, here this morning. He was 52. Police suspect it to be case of suicide.

While the exact reason for him taking to extreme step is yet to be ascertained, it is suspected that Guruprasad was in deep debts and was being forced by the money lenders to return their money.

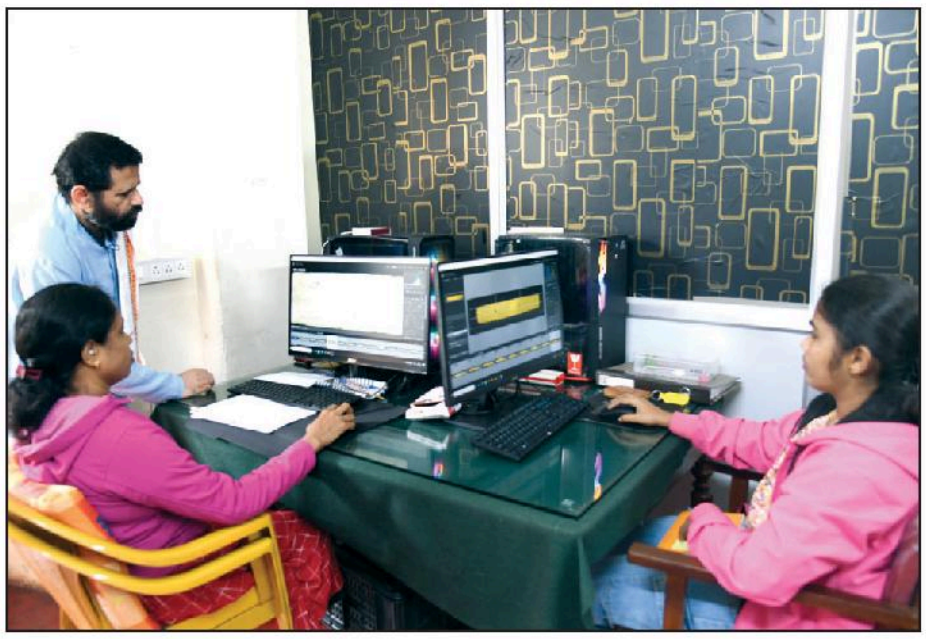
The incident came to light when foul smell started emanating from his apartment. Soon, the neighbours informed the Madanayakanahalli Police who rushed to the spot and conducted the mahazar before shifting the body to post mortem.

Having entered the film industry through *'Mata'*, Guruprasad directed movies such as *'Eeddelu Manjunatha'*, *'Yeradane Sala'*, *'Director's Special'*. His latest movie *'Ranga Nayaka'* released early this year did not do well in the box office.

Guruprasad, who had divorced his first wife, had a second marriage later. His tragic end has come as a shock for film buffs, actors and technicians of Kannada Film Industry.

Digitisation of ORI's rare palm leaf manuscripts nearing completion

- 90 percent of conservation, digitisation complete
- Manuscripts to be available online by January 2025



Mysuru, Nov. 3 (GA&BCT)- The digitisation of palm leaf manuscripts at the Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in Mysuru is nearing completion, with the project, which began in 2022, set to conclude by December this year.

Over 90 percent of the conservation work for these rare and priceless palm leaf and paper manuscripts, many centuries old, has been completed, alongside the digitisation of the manuscripts. The ORI is governed by the University of Mysore.

To further enhance the preservation and accessibility of these valuable manuscripts, University of Mysore entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bengaluru's Mythic Society in February 2022, initiating the project in phases and engaging over 40 professionals trained in manuscript conservation.

Multiple subjects

ORI houses over 70,000 manuscripts dating back to 650 to 700 years, written in languages such as Sanskrit, Kannada, Tamil and Telugu. Additionally, the institute preserves 41,000 rare printed manuscripts covering various literary works and treatises on multiple subjects such as philosophy, religion, literature, linguistics, astrology, medicine and various branches of knowledge.

Once the conservation and digitisation processes are complete, the manuscripts will be available online. Dr. D.P. Madhusudhan Acharya, Director of ORI, told *Star of Mysore* that after digitisation, the manuscripts will be accessible to research scholars, linguists and other experts. Requests for digital manuscripts can be submitted via e-mail and the required documents will be e-mailed back.

He mentioned that nearly all of the palm leaf manuscripts — around 30,000 bundles containing approximately 75,000 works — have been digitised and are nowbeing made available online.

"There had been concerns about the fragility of these manuscripts, some of which are centuries old and at risk of being lost to time. The digitised copies of these texts eliminate the need to handle the original manuscripts, thereby extending their preservation. Furthermore, scholars from around the world can access these digital copies, saving the time and effort of travelling to Mysuru to refer to the original texts," Dr. Madhusudhan Acharya added.

Fumigation and conservation

One of the key conservation techniques is fumigation. During this process, manuscripts are placed in a dedicated fumigation chamber to rid them of dust and termites.

Manuscripts showing signs of insect damage are treated here. After fumigation, lemongrass (Cymbopogon citratus) oil or citronella oil is applied to the manuscripts and left to dry. This oil, with its mild citrus scent, repels moths and insects, ensuring long-term preservation without leaving any residue. It also smoothens the manuscripts, enhancing their durability.

Manuscripts in poor condition are rebound by replacing old bindings with new red cotton cloth, using acid-free and starch-free materials. Damaged manuscripts, whether affected by insects or other issues, are carefully repaired by mending tears, removing stains or filling in missing text.

Scanning and uploading

For digitisation, manuscripts are image-scanned using a flatbed scanner, avoiding photocopy machines to prevent damage. Each page is carefully scanned, whether in colour, black and white, or grayscale, depending on the need.

These scanners capture rare, fragile, historical and out-of-print manuscripts. The scanned images are then converted into formats like PDF, JPEG and PNG before being uploaded to the website for public access.

"We are undertaking another set of digitisations where photographs of manuscripts are clicked with suitable lights. They are then converted into PDF, JPEG and PNG before being uploaded on the website. Even these manuscripts will be available for public access," Dr. Madhusudhan Acharya explained.

MGP Meeting with KSRTC on handling congestion at Sub-urban Bus Stand

Mysuru, Nov. 3- As a result of continuing to suffer unmanageable traffic congestion in Mysuru's Sub-urban Bus Stand, KSRTC has suggested the use of part of the space belonging to nearby People's Park. MGP is appreciative of such a consumer friendly proactive step.

While the last Mysuru Master Plan was being developed in 2012 (it was finally approved after a long period in 2016), MGP had strongly urged the planners (mostly MUDA authorities) to study the traffic situation of Central Business District (CBD) to take care of such problems. CBD consists of Sub-urban and City Bus Stands.

MGP had suggested that special task force consisting of representatives from railways, KSRTC, Police, MCC, Chamber of Commerce, Industry Associations and NGOs and experts should be constituted to study to develop timely solution. In fact, MGP organised a meeting at ATI calling all these stakeholders.

Time has come again to plan for such an initiative. Hence, a **public meeting has been organised by MGP on Nov. 6 at 4 pm at #6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru. KSRTC Divisional Controller Srinivas will attend the meeting.**

Those interested to contribute to this important topic may attend the meeting. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515150.

Kannada most used in social media, a good sign: Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa offering floral tributes to the statue of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, on account of Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations organised by the District Administration, at Oval Ground in city on Friday (Nov. 1), as (from left) SP N. Vishnuvardhan, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MLA Tanveer Sait, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan and City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar look on. Picture right shows, Mounted Police personnel leading the procession taken out as part of Karnataka Rajyotsava by BEML Kannada Sangha.

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (BLU&BS)- Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said, Kannada language is extensively being used in social media, which is indeed a good development, that calls for giving further impetus to the language along with the progress of Science and Technology.

He was speaking after inaugurating 69th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations organised by the District Administration at Oval Ground in the city on Friday (Nov. 1).

Mahadevappa said, keeping in pace with the technology, Government has chalked out several programmes to ensure that Kannada language should not lag behind in this digital era. Several software have been developed like — Unicode alphabets, translator, mobile applications and Braille literature, all in Kannada.

It is the job of all to build the identity of Kannada, keeping it in mind that, Kannada is the language of our life and heart, said Mahadevappa.

Guarantee schemes

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led Government that is completing one-and-a-half years in office, has won the heart of all, by introducing guarantee schemes, that has improved their lifestyle. Kannada, as a language is not restricted to a particular caste or sect, but is of the land, with the culture and tradition ingrained in the language.

Instead of being geographically and administratively united, the Kannada speaking community should unite themselves, said Dr. Mahadevappa, recalling the history associated with the Rajyotsava.

Colourful procession

Prior to this, Mahadevappa and others paid obeisance to Goddess Bhuvaneshwari at the temple in the Mysore Palace premises. BEML Kannada Sangha took out a colourful procession from old DC's office to Oval Grounds, with a chariot carrying the flower bedecked statue of Bhuvaneshwari, with several cultural troupes accompanying the procession.

After reaching Oval Ground, Mahadevappa offered floral tributes to the statue of Bhuvaneshwari and unfurled the National Flag, followed by the inspection of the parade, that included Police Band, Mounted Police, City Armed Reserve (CAR), District Armed Reserve (DAR), Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Scouts and Guides and received the Guard of Honour.

Awards conferred

Kannada flag was unfurled later, followed by the conferment of District Rajyotsava Award, Suvarna Mahotsava Award and Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award for achievers from diverse fields.

Star of Mysore (SOM) Photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav and photo journalist M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj), were among Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar awardees, while senior journalists C.K. Mahendra, M.T. Mahadev, M. Subramanya and Hangod Nataraj, video journalists G. Naveen Kumar and L. Satish and press photographer Ravi Gavimutt were among District Rajyotsava Award recipients.

MLA Tanveer Sait, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhan, DCP (Law & Order) M. Muthuraju and others were present.

The recipients of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award and District Kannada Rajyotsava Award.

HEALTH TALK

Living with Arthritis

Practical tips for pain management and improved quality of life

Arthritis can significantly impact daily life, making simple activities challenging due to joint pain and stiffness. However, there are practical strategies to help manage symptoms and enhance overall well-being.

Dr. Sangeetha

Incorporating mild exercises into your morning routine can be incredibly beneficial. These movements not only ease joint stiffness but also facilitate smoother movement throughout the day.

One effective method is to dip your fingers in a basin of warm water while performing gentle wrist and finger movements. This simple technique can provide substantial relief from stiffness.

If morning exercises feel daunting, consider using hot packs or wraps on affected joints. These can alleviate discomfort and prepare you for evening walks or light workouts when pain may be less pronounced.

While it is ideal to minimise reliance on medication, having pain relievers on hand for occasional use can help manage discomfort when other measures fall short.

Take home message: Small, consistent efforts can lead to meaningful improvements in quality of life. By incorporating these strategies, individuals with arthritis can take proactive steps toward managing their symptoms and enjoying a more active lifestyle.

—Dr. K.N. Sangeetha
Consultant - Rheumatologist,
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

WORD OF THE DAY

Hallowed

Pronunciation: HAL-oad (Adjective)
Meaning: Hallowed describes something, such as a memorial, considered holy or blessed, or something that is highly respected and revered.
Origin: The adjective hallowed, meaning "holy" or "revered," isn't especially spooky, but its history is entwined with that of a certain spooky season. Hallowed is the past participle of the verb hallow, a term that descends from the Middle English word halowen. That word can be traced back to the Old English adjective hālig, meaning "holy." During the Middle Ages, All Hallows' Day was the name for what Christians now call All Saints' Day (hallow was once used also as a noun referring to a saint), and the evening that preceded All Hallows' Day was All Hallows' Eve or All Hallow Even—or, as we know it today, Halloween. (Although pumpkins are often hollowed out on Halloween, hollow has a different Old English root.)
Example: "Writing these words, I'm sitting in the living room of my childhood home, about five feet from the shelves that long ago contained those hallowed books from my aunt. In this exact spot, even before I had learned how to spell and write, I would scribble on blank paper with Magic Markers and staple the pages together — always, this desire, this drive to make books." —Zachary Pace, LitHub.com, 23 Jan. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Cibophobia
Fear of food

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pay the Price

Meaning: 'Pay the Price' means to suffer the consequences of someone's actions.
Origin: Scholars found the first instance of a term with a meaning similar to the idiom 'pay the price' in ancient Greek text, where the word 'tinein' was used to describe punishment and defined as "to pay a price, punish, take vengeance." In Old English, the word 'worth' seen as 'weorþ' had several different meanings; among them, worthiness, merit, or price in terms of equivalent value.
Example: "Jack drank so much last night! Now he's paying the price for it."

QUOTE BOX

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are. **—Anais Nin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TUITION♀

Answer: Woman's Intuition.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Now ___ : inasmuch as; since?
5 Aircraft Collision Avoidance Sys.
9 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
12 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
13 Naval Officer In Charge
14 Islet
15 Not sincere
16 Utterly confused and bewildered ? (3,2,3)
18 Rope material
20 A narrow strip of wood
21 Religious group
24 Portion
27 Certificates of entitlement
31 Mist or smog
32 __ __ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
33 Declare
34 Smoke - and be angry?
35 Chemist's workroom in short
36 Not plural
38 Habituate, get used to
41 Sly look
42 Reign
44 Impersonate
48 Annoyed, heckled or persecuted
52 Prefix for wine
53 Hail as to Maria
54 Jazz singer Laine
55 Flushing Meadows initials
56 Alcoholic drink
57 Portable shelter
58 Gun discharge

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

M	O	D	■	B	O	R	G	■	I	T	S	A
O	V	A	■	A	L	A	R	■	S	I	K	H
V	A	R	A	N	A	S	I	■	S	O	Y	A
E	L	E	C	T	■	P	E	R	U	■	■	■
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O	B	S	■	M	I	N	■	G	N	A	S	H
R	E	T	D	■	B	E	G	■	G	R	A	Y
C	H	E	E	R	■	T	U	N	■	A	P	L
A	L	W	A	Y	S	■	T	A	P	■	■	■
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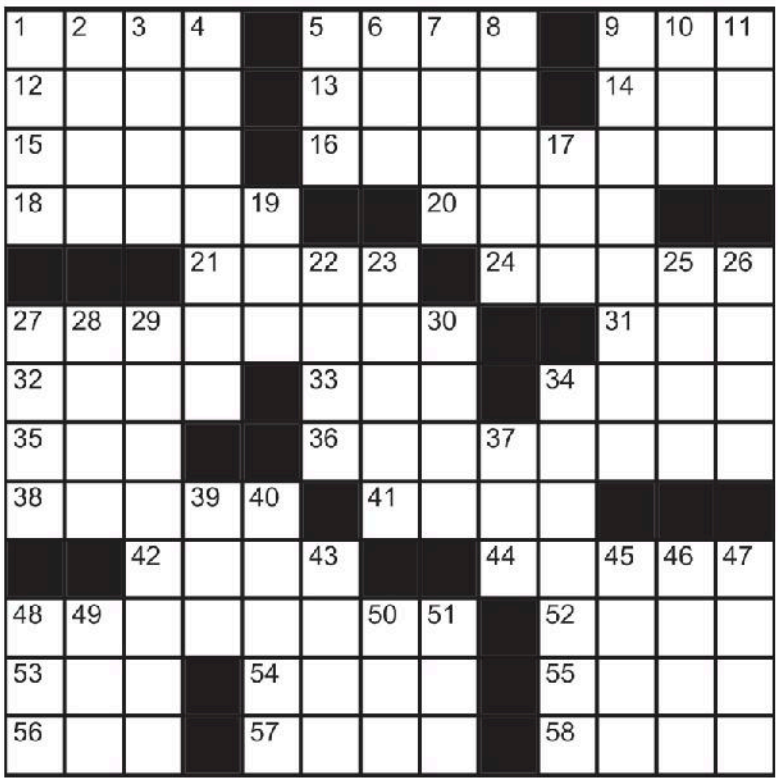
B	A	B	Y	■	S	A	S	S	■	E	E	K

DOWN
1 Attaches a label to
2 Festival of colour
3 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
4 Hot pepper sauce
5 Snippets of information
6 Mountain pass
7 Suffers some illness
8 Skin of the skull
9 Stylish; refined
10 Pass away
11 Parents' org.
17 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
19 Town in Ladakh
22 Tax
23 Lag behind
25 Deep sleep
26 Hungarian city
27 Most unpleasant
28 __ __ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
29 Tell one's secrets or anxieties
30 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago ?
34 Extremely angry
37 Pretty stone
39 Floor mat
40 Vote into office
43 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
45 Netting
46 Keen on
47 One of major manufacturers of automotive tyres in India?
48 In ___ : achieved or secured?
49 Avinash's pet name?
50 "Even" in short for the poet
51 Small spot



SUDOKU

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				2			3	1
	5	1				8	9	
2	3			1				
	4							
		6	8			4		
1			7	4		9		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	8	7	9	1	6	2	4
2	6	9	4	8	3	7	1	5
7	4	1	6	2	5	9	8	3
4	5	7	8	6	2	3	9	1
8	2	3	5	1	9	4	6	7
1	9	6	3	4	7	2	5	8
9	7	5	1	3	6	8	4	2
3	8	2	9	5	4	1	7	6
6	1	4	2	7	8	5	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CMN YEI, VNRANGCJID EWXI CMN TEL XR YCVSILY

SIL YMXVNY, JY EIWXAAECNL JI MJY PNST.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Thursday's Cryptoquip: Oh, what a tangled web do parents weave when they think that their children are naive.

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  Bagheera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
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- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Yalakunni (K) - 2 Shows; *Singham Again (H)* - 2 Shows
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  The Hunter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Amaran (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Bloody Beggar (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Vettaiyan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Lucky Baskhar (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4 pm, 7 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm; (S-2) 10.55 am
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Ka (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Amaran (K)	:	12.35 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Venom: The last dance (E-3D)	:	1.10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		4.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1.30 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Yalakunni (K)	:	4.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm

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Bagheera (K)	:	8.30 am, 9.10 am, 11.50 am
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Amaran (K)	:	9.30 am
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm
Singham Again (H-2D)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Ka (2024) (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Bloody Beggar (Ta)	:	1 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Venom: Last Dance (E-3D)	:	7.25 pm

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 12.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9 am, 3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Amaran (K)	:	3.30 pm

International Microbiology Conference 'Microcosm 1.0' from Nov. 15

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (VNS)- The Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, has organised a two-day International Microbiology Conference Microcosm 1.0 — 'Innovating Microbial Solutions Towards a Sustainable Future' — at Sri Rajendra auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, on Nov. 15 and 16. The Conference will be held in hybrid mode.

Prof. Anil Kaul, Vice-Chancellor, PHFI/IPHS University and Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad, will be the chief guest. Dr. B.M. Thyagaraju, Deputy Adviser, Science & Technology, NITI Aayog, will be the guest of honour. Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, will preside over the event.

Prof. Arun K. Bhunia, Department of Molecular Food Microbiology, Purdue University, will deliver the Plenary Lecture. Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Head, School of Life Sciences and Convener of the Conference, Dr. P. Ashwini, Co-ordinator, Department of Microbiology and Organising Chairperson of the Conference and Dr. Ann Catherine Archer, Organising Secretary of the Conference, will be present.

Leading Scientists from NCCS, Pune; Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; IISER, Kolkata; ICAR-IARI, New Delhi; NCBS, Bengaluru, will deliver talks during the Conference.

The Conference will showcase visionary keynote speeches, rigorous scientific presentations and dynamic discussions centred on unlocking the potential of microbes to tackle urgent global challenges. Attendees will explore cutting-edge biotechnological applications in agriculture, healthcare innovations, environmental re-mediation breakthroughs and advancements in industrial processes.

The event will foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, aiming to propel sustainable development through pioneering microbiological research. It is anticipated to highlight the critical role of microbiology in shaping a more eco-friendly and resilient future for generations to come.

Pre-Conference Workshop

A Pre-Conference Workshop (physical mode) on 'Superheroes against Superbugs,' aimed at creating awareness towards the global threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), has been organised on Nov. 14 at School of Life Sciences, JSS AHER.

This workshop is limited to 60 participants only on first come first serve basis. Interested participants may register by logging on to: ***https://microcosm.azurewebsites.net/index.html***

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 3)

- **Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled:** Inauguration of State-level T10 Cricket Tournament for Blind 2024-25, Asst. Commissioner of Police (ACP) S.N. Sandesh Kumar, Karnataka Chess Association President T.N. Madhukar, Mysuru Kalyan Mantap Owners Association President and MDDA President Ln. S. Murthy, Rotary West Mysore President M.L. Nagesh, Lions Club Mysore Zone-2 President Ln. Jayakumar, CABI Chairman Dr. Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, CABI President Buse Gowda and Karnataka Cricket Association for the Blind (KCAB) Gen. Secretary Chandrakanth Singh chief guests, Rahul Convention Hall, Vishweshwaranagar, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Nayi Bantrappo Nayi,' directed by Natana Manju, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Mussanjeyalli Nadeda Ghatane' by Abhinaya Darpana, Chikkamagalur, directed by M. Vineeth Kumar, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 4)

- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust, D. Banumaiah Road, K.R. Mohalla:** 1st Kartika Monday, tailabhisheka, panchamruta abhisheka, maharudrabhisheka, sahasra bilvarchane and mahamangalarati to Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy, **7 am;** Sumangali Puja, Utsava around Prakarada and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **10.30 am;** Utsava in the main thoroughfares, **7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **K. Puttaswamy First Grade College (FGC), Gokulam 3rd Stage:** 69th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, St. Philomena's College retd. Professor C.V. Sridharamurthy chief guest, VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, VVS Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and K. Puttaswamy FGC Principal Dr. M. Shivalingegowda special invitees, Computer Lab, College premises, **3.30 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Health Talk on 'Healthy life of senior citizens' by eminent senior physician by Dr. M.S. Prasanna Kumar, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, **5 pm.**

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Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	8.55 am, 12 noon, 6.45 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Amaran (Ta)	:	9 am, 6.40 pm
Singham Again (H)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 3.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 10 pm
Bagheera (K)	:	9.10 am, 12.10 pm
		12.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.40 pm, 7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Brother (Ta)	:	12.30 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Circus to conclude in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Gemini Circus, which is conducting three shows daily — 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm — at the Horse Park Grounds near Karanji Lake in Mysuru, since Oct. 5, will conclude its shows here tomorrow.

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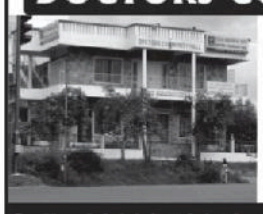

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